

Wind-power project -- a bad idea for Maine

A little piece of editorial sense for once.

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Regarding your editorial on wind power to fight global warming: It is nice to be able to use a newspaper to push one's own viewpoints on the environment, social issues or whatever the editors of the newspaper feel is their liberal duty. But you should at least have a clue to what you're talking about.

In the last seven years, a number of viable clean-energy sources have been shut down and removed from the grid in this state. Maine Yankee Nuclear Power Plant and the hydro dam in Augusta are two that come to mind. Both of these generated clean power while producing no green-house gases. Even so, Maine generates much more power today than it uses. This power is then sold out of state for other business and residential use. So why do we need 30 windmills built in the mountains of western Maine? This project not only will hurt the environment but could also actually lead to more global warming in this state.

Anybody who is familiar with carbon sinks knows that the Maine woods acts as a natural carbon sink, removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere and replacing it with oxygen. Developing this area -- putting in access roads, power lines, wind mills, etc. will only reduce this natural barrier and make Maine more open to global warming, which is the issue anyway.